DIVISION 600 - MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 601 - STRUCTURAL CONCRETE

601.01 Description. This section describes structural concrete consisting of portland cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, and water. This will include adding admixtures for the purpose of entraining air, retarding or accelerating set, tinting, and other purposes as required or permitted.

601.02 Materials.

- Portland Cement 701.01
- Fine Aggregate for Concrete 703.01
- Coarse Aggregate for Portland Cement Concrete 703.02
- Admixtures 711.03
- Water 712.01

Use coarse aggregate for lightweight concrete conforming to ASTM C 330 except Sections 5, 7 and 9.

601.03 Construction.

(A) Quality Control. Portland cement concrete production requires Contractor responsibility for quality control of materials during handling, blending, mixing, curing, and placement operations.

Sample, test, and inspect concrete to ensure quality control of component materials and concrete. Sampling and testing for quality control in accordance with standard methods shall be performed by certified ACI Concrete Field Technician Grade I. Perform quality control tests for slump, air content, temperature, and unit weight during production of structural concrete other than concrete for incidental construction. Submit quality control test results.

(B) Design and Designation of Concrete. Design concrete mixture for concrete work specified. When requested by the Engineer, submit mix designs using State Highways Division form DOT 4-151. Do not start work until the Engineer accepts mix design. The Engineer will accept concrete mix design using information given in Table 601.03-1 - Design of Concrete, and other pertinent requirements.
Whenever 28-day compressive strength, $f'_C$, is 4,000 psi or greater, designate concrete by required minimum 28-day compressive strength.

The 28-day compressive strength, $f'_C$, less than 4,000 psi listed in Table 601.03-1 – Design of Concrete, is for design information and designation of class only. It is not a requirement for acceptance of concrete.

Proportion concrete designated by compressive strength such that concrete conforms to required strength.

Design concrete placed in bridge decks and pavements exposed to traffic wear, with air content of 3 percent, including entrapped and entrained air. Maintain air content for plastic concrete within tolerance of 1 percent, plus or minus, during the work.

Use class BD concrete in bridge deck unless concrete is designated by compressive strength. Incorporate water-reducing and set-retarding admixture into concrete, with capability of varying degree of retardation without adversely affecting other characteristics of concrete. Submit design admixture dosage.

When type of concrete is not indicated in the contract documents, use Class A concrete.
Design concrete as specified in Table 601.03-1 – Design of Concrete.

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$'f'_r$ = Specified Modulus of Rupture

Proportion concrete materials in accordance with requirements of concrete designated by class, cement content in pounds per cubic yards, or specified 28-day compressive strength, using absolute volume method. Use volumetric proportioning methods as outlined in the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Standard 211.1, "Recommended Practices for Selecting Proportions for Normal and Heavyweight Concrete."

Use coarse aggregate size No. 57 (one inch to No. 4) or No. 67 (3/4 inch to No. 4) for concrete. For concrete placed in bottom slabs and stems of box girders, use No. 67 size aggregate. If accepted by the Engineer in writing, smaller size aggregates are permitted when encountering limited space between forms and reinforcement.

Use the following standard methods in Table 601.03-2 – Standard Methods for determining compliance with requirements indicated in this subsection:
TABLE 601.03-2 – STANDARD METHODS

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<td>Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam with Third-Point Loading)</td>
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(b) Two groups totaling 30 or more test results representing similar materials in which mix proportion strengths are within 20 percent of specified strength, from data obtained within one year of proposed use.

The Engineer will analyze performance records to establish standard deviation.

(2) When sufficient past performance records are not provided, the Engineer will assume current standard deviation to be 500 psi for compressive strength, $f'_c$, and 50 psi for flexural strength, $f'_r$.

Unless sufficient performance records are available from other projects at DOT Materials Testing and Research Branch, submit test performance records or trial test reports for prequalifications, based on data of most recent tests made on concrete of proposed mix design, and data obtained within one year of proposed use.

Include the following information in test data and trial batch test reports: date of mixing; mixing equipment and procedures used; size of batch in cubic yards and weight, type, and source of ingredients used; slump of concrete; air content of concrete when using air entraining agent; age at time of testing; and strength of concrete cylinders tested.

Show that concrete strength tests equal or exceed minimum average strength in trial test reports. Test is average 28-day test results of five consecutive concrete cylinders or concrete beams taken from single batch. No cylinder or beam shall have strength less than 85 percent of minimum average strength.

Submit test data and trial test reports signed by official of firm that performed tests.

The Engineer reserves the right to stop work when a series of low strength tests occur. Do not continue concrete work until cause is established and the Engineer is informed of and accepts, necessary corrective action to be taken.

(C) Batching. Measure and batch materials in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Portland Cement. Either sacked or bulk cement may be used. Do not use fraction of sack of cement in concrete batch unless cement is weighed.

Weigh bulk cement on weighing device accepted by the Engineer. Seal and vent bulk cement-weighing hopper properly to
preclude dusting during operation. Do not suspend discharge chute from weighing hopper. Arrange discharge chute so that cement will not lodge in hopper or leak from hopper.

Batching accuracy shall be within 1 percent, plus or minus, of required weight.

(2) Water. Measure water by volume or by weight. Use readily adjustable device for measurement of water, with accuracy within 1 percent, plus or minus, of quantity of water required for batch. Arrange device so that variable pressure in water supply line does not affect measurements. Equip measuring tanks with outside taps and valves or other accepted means to allow for checking calibration.

(3) Aggregates. When storing and stockpiling aggregates, avoid separation of coarse and fine particles within each size, and do not intermix various sizes before proportioning. Protect stored or stockpiled aggregates from dust or other foreign matter. Do not stockpile together, aggregates from different sources and of different gradations.

When transporting aggregates from stockpiles or other sources to batching plant, ensure uniform grading of material is maintained. Do not use aggregates that have become segregated or mixed with earth or foreign matter. Stockpile or bin aggregates at least 12 hours before batching. Produce or handle aggregates by hydraulic methods and wash and drain aggregates. If aggregates exhibit high or non-uniform moisture content, the Engineer will order storage or stockpiling for more than 12 hours.

Proportion aggregates by weight, with the exception that aggregates in concrete for minor structures, curbs, and sidewalks may be proportioned by either volume or weight. For volumetric proportioning, use measuring boxes of known capacity to measure quantity of each aggregate size.

Use batch weight based on dry materials plus total weight of moisture (both absorbed and surface) contained in aggregate. Measure individual aggregates to within 2 percent, plus or minus, of required weight, and total weight of aggregates to within 1 percent, plus or minus, of required weight.

(4) Admixtures. Store, proportion, and dispense admixtures in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Liquid Admixtures. Dispense chemical admixtures, air entraining admixtures, and corrosion inhibiting admixtures in liquid form. Use mechanical dispensers for liquid admixtures.
with sufficient capacity to measure prescribed quantity for each batch of concrete. Include graduated measuring unit in each dispenser to measure liquid admixtures to within 5 percent, plus or minus, of prescribed quantity for each batch. Read graduations accurately from point of measuring unit, and control proportioning operations to permit visual check of batch accuracy before discharging. Mark each measuring unit clearly for type and quantity of admixture.

Arrange with supplier to provide sampling device consisting of valve located in safe and accessible location for sampling admixtures.

When using more than one liquid admixture for concrete mix, use separate measuring unit for each liquid admixture and dispense separately to avoid interaction that may interfere with admixture efficiency and adversely affect concrete. Dispense liquid admixture by injecting so as not to mix admixture at high concentrations.

When using liquid admixtures in concrete that is completely mixed in paving or continuous mixers, operate dispensers automatically with batching control equipment. Equip such dispensers with automatic warning system that will provide visible or audible signals at point where proportioning operations are controlled, when the following occurs: quantity of admixture measured for each batch of concrete varies from pre-selected dosage by more than 5 percent; or entire contents of measuring unit from dispenser is not emptied into each batch of concrete.

Unless liquid admixtures are added to batch with pre-measured water, discharge liquid admixtures into stream of water that disperses admixtures uniformly throughout batch. An exception is that air-entraining admixtures may be dispensed directly into moist sand in batching bins, provided adequate control of concrete air content can be maintained.

Measure and disperse special admixtures, as recommended by admixture manufacturer, and as accepted by the Engineer. Special admixtures include high-range water reducers requiring dosages greater than capacity of conventional dispensing equipment. For site-added, high-range water reducers, use calibrated, portable dispenser supplied by manufacturer.

(b) **Mineral Admixtures.** Protect mineral admixtures from exposure to moisture until used. Pile sacked material of each
shipment to permit access for tally, inspection, and identification.

Provide adequate facilities to ensure that mineral admixtures meeting specified requirements are kept separate from other mineral admixtures and that only specified mineral admixtures are allowed to enter into the work. Provide safe and suitable facilities for sampling mineral admixtures at weigh hopper or in feed line immediately in advance of hopper.

Incorporate mineral admixtures into concrete using equipment conforming requirements for portland cement weigh hoppers, and charging and discharging mechanisms specified in ASTM C 94 and Subsection 601.03(C) - Batching.

When concrete is completely mixed in stationary paving or continuous mixers, weigh mineral admixture in separate weigh hopper. Introduce mineral admixture and cement simultaneously into mixer, proportionately with aggregate.

When interlocks are required for cement-charging mechanisms, and cement and mineral admixtures are weighed cumulatively, interlock their charging mechanisms to prevent introduction of mineral admixture until mass of cement in weigh hopper is within tolerances specified in Subsection 601.03(C)(1) - Portland Cement.

In determining maximum quantity of free water that may be used in concrete, consider mineral admixture to be cement.

(5) Bins and Scales. At batching plant, use individual bins, hoppers, and scale for each aggregate size. Include separate bin, hopper, and scale for bulk cement and fly ash.

Except when proportioning bulk cement for pavement or structures, cement weigh hopper may be attached to separate scale for individual weighing or to aggregate scale for cumulative weighing. If cement is weighed cumulatively, weigh cement before other ingredients.

When proportioning for pavement or structures, keep bulk cement scale and weigh hopper separate and distinct from aggregate weighing equipment.

Use springless-dial or beam-type batching scales. When using beam-type scales, make provisions to show operator that required
load in weighing hopper is approaching. Use devices that show
condition within last 200 pounds of load and within 50 pounds of
overload.

Maintain scale accuracy to 0.5 percent throughout range of use. Design poises to lock to prevent unauthorized change of position. Use scales inspected by the State Measurement Standards Branch of the Department of Agriculture to ensure their continued accuracy. Provide not less than ten 50-pound weights for testing scales.

Batching plants may be equipped to proportion aggregates and bulk cement by automatic weighing devices.

(6) Batching and Hauling. When mixing is to be performed at work site, transport aggregates from batching plant to mixer in batch boxes, vehicle bodies, or other containers of adequate capacity and construction. Use partitions to separate batches and prevent spilling from one compartment to another while in transit or during dumping.

Transport bulk cement to mixer in tight compartments carrying full quantity of cement required for batch. Once cement is placed in contact with aggregates, batches shall be mixed and placed within 1-1/2 hours of contact. Cement in original shipping packages may be transported on top of aggregates. Ensure that each batch contains number of sacks required by job mix.

Deliver batches to mixer intact. Charge each batch into mixer without loss of cement. When carrying more than one batch on truck, charge batch into mixer without spilling material from one batch compartment into another.

(D) Mixing. Mix concrete in mechanically operated mixers. When accepted by the Engineer, batches not exceeding 1/3 cubic yard may be hand mixed in accordance with methods described at end of this subsection.

Use stationary or truck mixers that distribute materials thoroughly and produce concrete uniform in color and appearance. When there is variation in mixed concrete attributable to worn pickup or throw-over blades, the Engineer will inspect mixer. If inspection reveals that blades are worn more than one inch below original height of manufacturer's design, repair or replace blades. Upon request, make copy of manufacturer's design, showing dimensions and arrangement of blades.

Charge batches into central or truck mixers so that portion of mixing water enters ahead of cement and aggregates. Deliver uniform flow of water. Place entire amount of batch water in mixer by end of first quarter of mixing period. When mixers with multiple compartment drums are used, time
required to transfer material between compartments will be included as mixing time. Use drum rotation speed as designated by manufacturer. If mixing does not produce concrete of uniform and smooth texture, provide additional revolutions at same speed until thorough mixing of each concrete batch is attained. Begin measuring mixing time from time cement, aggregates, and 60 percent of water are in drum. Do not exceed manufacturer's rated capacity for volume of concrete mixed in each batch.

Equip central or truck mixers with attachment for automatically timing mixing of each concrete batch. Timing device shall include automatic feature for locking discharge chute and device for warning operator when required mixing duration has been met. If timing or locking device fails to operate, immediately furnish clock or watch that indicates seconds, to mixer operator. If timing device is not repaired within three days after becoming inoperative, shut down batching operation until timing device is repaired.

For stationary mixers, use mixing time between 50 seconds and 5 minutes. Select mixing time, as necessary, to produce concrete that meets uniformity criteria when tested in accordance with Section 11.3.3 of ASTM C 94. The Contractor may designate mixing time for which uniformity tests are to be performed, provided mixing time is not less than 50 seconds or more than 5 minutes. Before using concrete for pavements or structures, mix concrete to meet specified uniformity requirements. The Contractor shall furnish labor, sampling equipment, and materials required for conducting uniformity tests of concrete mixture. The Engineer will furnish required testing equipment, including scales, cubic measure, and air meter; and will perform tests. The Engineer will not pay separately for labor, equipment, materials, or testing, but will consider the costs incidental to concrete. After batching and mixing operational procedures are established, the Engineer will not allow changes in procedures without the Contractor re-establishing procedures by conducting uniformity tests. Repeat mixer performance tests whenever appearance of concrete or coarse aggregate content of samples is not conforming to requirements of ASTM C 94. For truck mixers, add four seconds to specified mixing time if timing starts as soon as skip reaches its maximum raised position.

Unless otherwise indicated in the contract documents or accepted by the Engineer, concrete shall be mixed at proportioning plant. Operate mixer at agitating speed while in transit. Concrete may be truck-mixed only when cement or cement and mixing water are added at point of delivery. Begin mixing truck-mixed concrete immediately after introduction of mixing water to cement and aggregates, or introduction of cement to aggregates.

Inclined-axis, revolving drum truck mixers shall conform to Truck Mixer, Agitator and Front Discharge Concrete Carrier Standards TMMB 100-01, 15th Revision, published by Truck Mixer Manufacturers Bureau.
Truck mixers shall produce thoroughly mixed and uniform mass of concrete, and shall discharge concrete without segregation.

Manufacturer's standard metal rating plate shall be attached to each truck mixer, stating maximum rating capacity in terms of volume of mixed concrete for various uses; and maximum and minimum mixing speeds. When using truck mixers for mixing, adhere to maximum capacity shown on metal rating plate for volume of concrete in each batch.

Operate truck mixers at mixing speed designated by manufacturer, but at not less than 6 or more than 18 revolutions per minute. Mix truck-mixed concrete initially between 70 and 100 revolutions at manufacturer-designated mixing speed, after ingredients, including water, are in mixer. Water may be added to mixture not more than two times after initial mixing is completed. Each time that water is added, turn drum an additional 30 revolutions or more at mixing speed until concrete is mixed uniformly.

When furnishing shrink-mixed concrete, transfer partially mixed concrete at central plant to truck mixer. Apply requirements for truck-mixed concrete. The Engineer will not credit number of revolutions at mixing speed for partial mixing in central plant.

When accepted by the Engineer, concrete batches not exceeding 1/3 cubic yard may be hand mixed on a watertight, level platform. Measure proper amount of coarse aggregate in measuring boxes and spread on platform. Spread fine aggregate on that coarse aggregate layer. Limit coarse and fine aggregate layers to total depth of one foot. Spread dry cement on this mixture. Turn whole mass not less than two times dry. Add sufficient clean water, distributed evenly. Turn whole mass again, not less than three times, not including placing in carriers or forms.

(E) Transporting Mixed Concrete. Transport central-mixed concrete to delivery point in truck agitators or truck mixers operating at speed designated by equipment manufacturer as agitating speed; or in non-agitating hauling equipment, provided consistency and workability of mixed concrete upon discharge at delivery point is suitable for placement and consolidation in place; and provided mixed concrete after hauling to delivery point conforms to uniformity criteria when tested as specified in Section 12.5 of ASTM C 94.

For revolving drum truck mixers transporting central-mixed concrete, limit concrete volume to manufacturer's rated capacity for agitator operation. Maintain agitating speed for both revolving drum mixers and revolving blade type agitators as designated on manufacturer's data plate. Equip truck mixers or truck agitators with electrically or mechanically actuated counters. Actuate counters after introducing cement to aggregates.

Bodies of non-agitating hauling equipment shall be smooth, watertight, metal containers equipped with gates to permit control of concrete discharge.
Protect open-topped haul vehicle against weather with cover accepted by the Engineer. When hauling concrete in non-agitating trucks, complete discharge within 30 minutes after introducing mixing water to cement and aggregates.

When truck mixer or agitator is used for transporting central-mixed concrete to delivery point, complete discharge within 1-1/2 hours, or before 250 revolutions of drum or blades, whichever comes first after introduction of mixing water to cement and aggregates, or cement to aggregates. For truck-mixed concrete, complete concrete discharge within 1-1/2 hours, or before 300 revolutions of drum or blades, whichever comes first. These limitations are permitted to waived if concrete is of such slump after the 1-1/2 hour time or 300-revolution limit has been reached, that it can be placed, without addition of water to the batch.

Submit delivery tickets from manufacturers of truck-mixed concrete and central-mixed concrete with each truckload of concrete before unloading at jobsite. Printed, stamped, or written delivery ticket shall include the following information:

1. Name of concrete plants.
2. Serial number of ticket.
3. Date and truck number.
4. Name of Contractor.
5. Specific project, route, or designation of job (name and location).
6. Specific class or designation of concrete in accordance with contract documents.
7. Quantity of concrete in cubic yards.
8. Time of loading batch or mixing of cement and aggregates.
9. Water added by receiver of concrete and receiver’s initials.
10. Information necessary to calculate total mixing water added by producer. Total mixing water includes free water on aggregates, water, and water added by truck operator from mixer tank.
11. Readings of non-resettable revolution counters of truck mixers after introduction of cement to aggregates, or introduction of mixing water to cement aggregates.
(12) Supplier's mix number or code.

Furnish additional information designated by the Engineer and required by job specifications upon request.

(F) Consistency. Regulate quantity of water used in concrete mixes so that concrete consistency, as determined by AASHTO T 119 test method, is within nominal slump range specified in Table 601.03-3 - Slump for Concrete. If concrete slump exceeds nominal slump, adjust mixture of subsequent batches. If slump exceeds maximum slump, the Engineer will reject concrete unless deemed satisfactory for its use.

The Engineer will also reject harsh or unworkable concrete that cannot be properly placed. Remove rejected concrete at no increase in contract price or contract time.

Slump for concrete shall be as specified in Table 601.03-3 – Slump for Concrete.

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In adverse or difficult conditions that may affect placement of concrete, the above slump limitations may be exceeded for placement workability, with the addition of admixture conforming to Subsection 711.03 - Admixtures, if accepted by the Engineer in writing and provided water-cement ratio is maintained. Provide additional cement and water, or admixture at no increase in contract price or contract time.
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515  (G)  **Forms.** Construct forms in accordance with applicable sections.

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517  (H)  **Placing Concrete.** Place concrete in accordance with applicable sections.

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520  (I)  **Finishing Concrete Surfaces.** Finish concrete surfaces in accordance with applicable sections.

523  (J)  **Curing Concrete.** Cure concrete in accordance with applicable sections.

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526  **601.04 Measurement.** The Engineer will measure concrete in accordance with the applicable sections.

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529  **601.05 Payment.** The Engineer will pay for the accepted concrete under the applicable sections.

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**END OF SECTION 601**